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SUBJ: ANOTHER FEATHER IN ROMANOV'S CAP

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1) SOVIET PRESS ANNOUNCED MAY 29 THAT CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE HAS EXPRESSED APPROVAL OF "INITIATIVE OF ENTERPRISES AND ORGANIZATIONS IN LENINGRAD CITY PARTICIPATING IN EQUIPPING OF SAYANO-SHUSHENSKAYA HYDRO-ELECTRIC STATION, IN DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIALIST COMPETITION TOWARD REDUCING PERIOD (OF CONSTRUCTION) AND (INSURING) HIGH QUALITY OF WORK IN CONSTRUCTION OF THIS HYDRO-ELECTRIC STATION."

2) SOME 28 LENINGRAD PRODUCTION ASSOCIATIONS, ENTERPRISES, ASSEMBLY ORGANIZATIONS, SCIENTIFIC-RESEARCH AND PLANNING INSTITUTES WERE PRAISED FOR EFFORTS AND KRASNOYARSK KRAYKOM AND LENINGRAD OBKOM OF PARTY WERE ENJOINED TO EXAMINE JOINT SOCIALIST OBLIGATIONS BETWEEN LENINGRAD AND KRASNOYARSK ORGANIZATIONS AND ENTERPRISES.
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CENTRAL COMMITTEE FURTHER OBLIGATED MINISTRIES AND

OTHER DEPARTMENTS TO CREATE NECESSARY CONDITIONS FOR FULFILLMENT OF SUCH JOINT SOCIALIST OBLIGATIONS. FINALLY, CENTRAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED TO CENTRAL COMMITTEES OF UNION REPUBLICS, KRAYKOMS AND OBKOMS THAT THEY STUDY COMPETITION OF LENINGRAD ENTERPRISES AND ORGANIZATIONS AND EXAMINE QUESTION OF DISSEMINATING THIS INITIATIVE AMONG COLLECTIVES PARTICIPATING IN CREATION OF MOST IMPORTANT OBJECTS OF NATIONAL ECONOMY.

3) COMMENT: WE SEE THESE CENTRAL COMMITTEE KUDOS AS ANOTHER INDICATION THAT ROMANOV IS PROBABLY SLATED FOR ADVANCEMENT AT 25TH PARTY CONGRESS IF NOT BEFORE. INTERESTINGLY, ROMANOV CHAIRED A MEETING AT SMOLNYY (COMMUNIST PARTY HEADQUARTERS) ON MAY 26 AT WHICH HE INFORMED FIRST SECRETARIES OF LENINGRAD GORKOMS AND RAYKOMS THAT THIS LENINGRAD INITIATIVE HAD RECEIVED CENTRAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL AND EMPHASIZED UTMOST SUPPORT OF LENINGRAD PARTY OGRANIZATION. ROMANOV IS CLEARLY CARVING OUT STILL FURTHER HIS REPUTATION AS A "CAN-DO" PRODUCER OF CONCRETE RESULTS THROUGH INNOVATIVE (BY SOVIET STANDARDS) APPROACHES. BASED ON OBSERVATION AND CONVERSATIONS WITH CERTAIN OFFICIALS HERE, WE BELIEVE THIS IS TAKING ROMANOV TO A FULL POLITBURO SEAT AND PERHAPS TO CENTRAL FUNCTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES AS WELL.
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